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1. EDITORIALS SUPPORTING THE EXPROPRIATION OF MARCONA HAVE CONTINUED TO APPEAR IN THE GOP-INFLUENCED LOCAL PRESS. THE EDITORIALS ALSO BERATED MARCONA FOR INSTITUTING A "CAMPAIGN OF THREATS" AGAINST THE NEW CLIENTS OF HIERROPERU. AN "EXPRESO" EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 9 ACCUSES MARCONA OF "DISTORTING THE TRUE THREAT WITH POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST WHAT WE EXPORT (IRON)... IN ORDER TO WEAKEN OUR FOREIGN TRADE." TWO LENGTHY EDITORIALS ON MARCONA APPEARED IN A "LA PRENSA" OF AUGUST 10. QUOTING A RECENT CGTP COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTING THE GOP TAKEOVER. ONE OF THE EDITORIALS WARNS THAT "OUR COUNTRY...IS ENDANGERED BY THE SEDITIONARY ACTIVITIES OF THE ENEMY...THE PREOMINENT FOREIGN CAMPAIGN BY MARCONA DEMONSTRATES IT SUFFICIENTLY..."

2.COMMENT: THE LATEST ANTI-MARCONA EDITORIALS APPEARED ONLY IN THE WEEKEND EDITIONS OF "EXPRESO" AND "LA PRENSA" (BACK PAGES). THERE WAS NO PLAY ON MARCONA IN PAPERS OF AUGUST 11. EXTENT OF ADVERSE PRESS COMMENTARY IS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FACT LESS THAN WE HAD EXPECTED, ALTHOUGH THE GOP OF COURSE

REMAINS CAPABLE OF INCREASING THE CRITICISM WHENEVER IT CHOOSES.

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